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Silambu Train Service
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have stopped the running of Silambu train service between Chennai and Sengottal through Aruppukota;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the stopping of said Express Service has adversely affected the people living in Aruppukotal area and also caused loss of revenue to Government exchequer;

(d) if so, whether the Railways are considering to restart Silambu Express; and

(e) if so, the time by which the service of the said train is likely to start operating?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): In the Railway Budget 2013-14, 16181/16182 Chennai Egmore-Karaikudi Express (weekly) has been announced and the same has been made to run as Silambu Express since 07.05.2013. Subsequently, the train has been extended upto Manamadurai with increase in frequency from weekly to bi-weekly. However, a special train 06193/06194 Manamadurai - Sengottai via Aruppukottai, which was run by utilising the rake of Silambu Express, has been discontinued due to poor patronization.

(d) & (e): At present, there is no proposal to restart the above discontinued special train.

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